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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of the Substance of Examiner Interview; and
2. Return Postcard.

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